

PRECAUTIONS WHEN ENCOUNTERING HYENAS



If the hyena does not show interest in you, keep walking slowly and **do not run**.

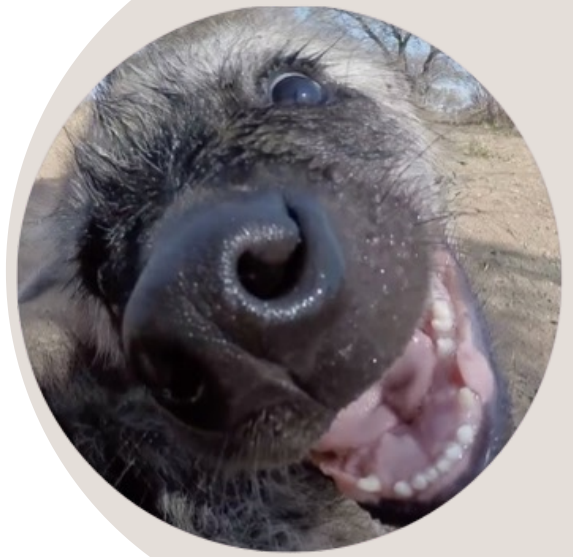
Keep to well-lit and busy areas.

Try not to walk alone at night.



If it does show interest in you, **stay calm and stop**.

Throw any food you may be carrying.

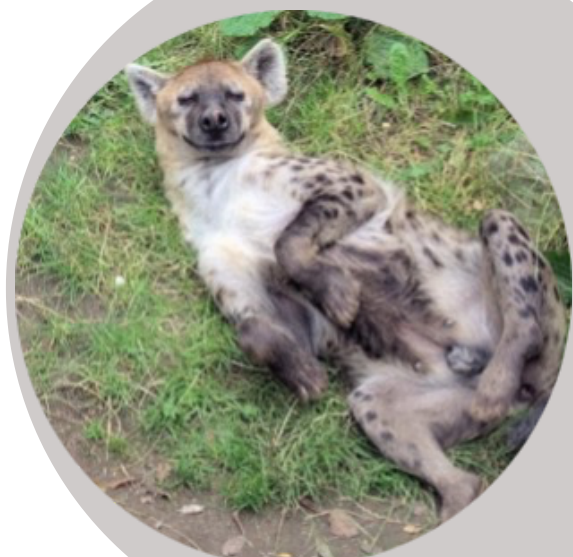


If it moves towards you, **make yourself big, wave your arms and make loud noises**.

You can also make **sudden moves** towards the hyena to surprise it.

If it growls or giggles, **stand your ground. Do not approach it.**

Continue to make loud noises and stomp your feet.



If it continues to come closer, you can **throw something at it. Do not lie down.**

Do not move until the hyena does.



In the rare scenario the hyena attacks you, **never run**.

Stand your ground and fight back by kicking it in the face or with a stick.



PROTECTING LIVESTOCK



- Good husbandry practices:
- Herding during the day
 - Keeping livestock in **predator-proof enclosure at night**
 - Clear any thick cover surrounding enclosures



Intensifying **human presence** can discourage attacks very effectively.



Using **guard dogs** to alert on the presence of hyenas.



Reinforced and maintained **fencing**.

Natural barriers like **euphorbia cactus**.



Bury food-waste in a deep and steep-sided pit away from houses.

Acoustics deterrents like loud noises, drums, whips, ...



Visual deterrents like fires, torches, bright clothes, plastic bags on fences, ...

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